

APPROPRIATION BILL BECOMES STATE LAW

**BOTH HOUSES ACT QUICKLY ON
VETOES BY GOVERNOR**

**Measure Received by House Shortly
After Noon on Monday—Sent to
Senate in Evening.**

The State, 6th.

Voting almost continuously at the morning, afternoon and night sessions yesterday, the house last night at 10:15 o'clock finished consideration of the general appropriation bill and sent the measure to the senate. All bills and resolutions on the calendar were continued at the morning session.

Everybody thanked everybody else last night in the house just before adjournment. These thanks were handed out with rising votes. The members rose early and often as tribute after tribute was paid to the various attendants. With some of the tributes were gifts—the usual gifts that go to some of them. Speaker Smith, was presented with his robe of office and responded with a few remarks.

James A. Hoyt, clerk of the house, was given his robe and broke a silence of six years (expect on roll calls) to thank the members.

Robert H. Welch, chairman of the committee on enrolled acts, was thanked and given a pitcher now used in one of the committee rooms. Mr. Welch has often admired the pitcher, although it is cracked.

The thanks bacilli then spread rapidly, and before the epidemic was stopped by a quarantine invitation from the senate to come over and ratify acts, the following were thanked, each coming in for a few kind words: The press, the sergeant-at-arms, the reading clerk, the bill clerk, the pages, the engrossing department, the chaplain, the telephone operator, the telegraph operator, the pages. Nobody thanked the house clock, because it stopped.

Remember Dr. Wyche.

The house last night adopted, by a rising vote, a resolution sending a message to Dr. C. T. Wyche, speaker protem, felicitating him on his recovery. Dr. Wyche, it will be recalled, was stricken with a paralytic stroke while presiding over the deliberations of the house several days ago. At one time his condition was very serious, but he is now recovering rapidly. Representative C. C. Wyche thanked the house for its consideration of his father.

Accompanying the resolution will be a beautiful bouquet of roses as suggested by Representative Welch.

At midnight last night the general appropriation bill, having passed through both the house and the senate, became law. The senate overrode every veto which had been overridden by the house, except as to the item of \$4,000 for the rent of 22 offices, to be occupied by State officials in the Union National bank building. The veto on this item was sustained by the senate.

Clock Turned Back.

When the house was called to order at 10 o'clock yesterday, Mr. Milley of Bamberg moved to continue all bills and resolutions on the calendar. He said he saw no use in taking up the time of the house in discussing them. The house agreed to the motion.

A moment later the house took a recess subject to the call of the speaker. Since the house agreed to adjourn sine die at 9 o'clock Wednesday, yesterday was not considered a new legislative day. The hands of the clock in the hall of the house still indicated that it was 8:30 o'clock presumably of Wednesday night. The house refused to recognize any time-piece as an authority except its own clock.

The house had nothing else to do except wait on the governor to return the general appropriation bill.

Clerical Error Corrected.

At 10:50 o'clock the house passed a resolution recalling the general appropriation bill from the governor's office for the purpose of correcting clerical errors made in the bill in the engrossing department. One of the engrossing clerks failed to copy the provision relating to the expenditure of the \$5,000 item for the enforcement of law by the governor. The senate struck out this provision, but the free conference committee put the provision back in the bill. In copying it, the provision was omitted.

At 11:20 o'clock the house agreed to a concurrent resolution from the senate rescinding the action whereby it ordered the general appropriation bill enrolled for ratification and recommitting it to the committee on enrolled acts to be correctly engrossed.

At 11:35 o'clock the committee on enrolled acts reported that the general appropriation bill had been correctly enrolled and was ready for ratifi-

cation. The house, at the invitation of the senate, proceeded to the senate chamber, where the general appropriation bill was ratified and sent to the governor for the second time.

Veto Message Received.

At 12:30 o'clock the house received the general appropriation bill from the governor with his message which was No. 59 of this session. He returned the bill without his signature.

The governor's message, vetoing 28 items in the general appropriation bill, was read in full to the house. Then the house went into the consideration of the various vetoed items.

The first veto was the provision requiring that the State librarian should turn over to the State each month all money received by her for the sale of books, etc., as other State officials are required to do. By a vote of 54 to 42 the house sustained the veto.

The governor vetoed the item of \$3,000 for purchasing meters and general repairing for public buildings. Mr. Dick said the appropriation had been asked for by the State electrician. By a vote of 39 to 57, the house sustained the veto.

The item of \$1,000 for repairing the heating plant was vetoed. In his veto message, the governor said this item was for repairs to the heating at the governor's mansion. It was stated on the floor of the house that the chief executive was wrong in this assumption and the appropriation was for repairs to the heating plant of the State house. By a vote of 69 to 28, the house overruled the governor's veto.

The item of \$2,500 for preparing and printing the State handbook by the department of agriculture was vetoed. By a vote of 51 to 47, the house sustained the veto.

The appropriation for \$3,000 for the expenses and salaries of the State board of medical examiners was objected to by the governor. The house overrode his veto by a vote of 67 to 27.

The governor vetoed the item of \$4,000 for the tax department for books and blanks, investigation and installation of system of bookkeeping and examination of financial condition of counties. By a vote of 52 to 46, the house sustained the veto.

At 2 o'clock the house received until 8:30 o'clock

Library Section Stands.

The governor disapproved of the following proviso in the section for the University of South Carolina:

"Provided, That the board of trustees of the University of South Carolina be empowered to permit the erection on the grounds of the university, under such restrictions as they may deem wise, a building to be used as a free public library."

Mr. Dick said that by passing the proviso over the veto the State could get a library building worth \$100,000 which would be open to everybody. By a vote of 51 to 23, the house refused to sustain the governor's veto of this provision.

The following members voted to sustain the veto:

Nays: Addy, J. W. Ashley, M. J. Ashley, Creech, Halle, H. F. Harrelson, Hardin, Holley, Irby, J. es, Kellehan, Kelly, Kirby, Lybrand, Melh, Miller, Moore, Nelson, Rittenberg, Robertson, W. S. Rodgers, Jr., W. W. Scott, Senseney—23.

The governor vetoed the item of \$5,000 for building a hospital at the State Colored college at Orangeburg. By a vote of 47 to 37 the house sustained the veto.

Mr. Liles of Orangeburg made a strong appeal to the house to pass the item over the veto.

"I am not asking you for anything for the negroes," Mr. Liles told the house "but I am asking you to make this appropriation for the protection of the white people of Orangeburg, who are daily exposed to contagious diseases because there is no place to treat the negro students when they are ill with such diseases."

By a vote of 57 to 34 the house sustained the governor's veto of the item of \$7,500 for running the farms at State Park.

Soldiers' Home.

The governor vetoed the following item in the appropriation bill:

"For salaries and wages of officers and employees at Confederate infirmary, and in no case, other than as herein provided, to wit:

"For commandant, who shall reside on the premises, and have control of the institution subject to the board of commissioners, day and night, a monthly salary not exceeding \$50, together with board and lodging, \$600.

"2. For matron, who shall reside on the premises, a monthly salary of not exceeding \$50, together with board and lodging, \$600.

"3. For physician and all medical services required for the inmates, not exceeding \$50 per month, \$600.

"4. For employees, including cooks, nurses and other servants or laborers,



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"Provided, That no member of the board of commissioners and no inmates admitted as indigent soldiers shall be paid any salaries for any services: Provided, further, That all officers and employees herein provided for other than the members of the board of commissioners, shall give their entire time to the duties of their positions on the premises, and no one shall be related to any member of the board of commissioners within the sixth degree."

There was a division of opinion in the house as to whether or not this item would cut off the salaries of all the officers and employees of the infirmary should it be eliminated from the bill.

By a vote of 50 to 44 the house sustained the governor's veto of this item.

Historical Commission.

The entire section of the bill making appropriations for the historical commission was vetoed. The section carried a total of \$5,270. The governor vetoed each of the five items in the section. By a vote of 75 to 20, the house refused to sustain the veto of the section as a whole.

The following members voted to sustain the veto of the section for the historical commission:

Addy, W. J. Ashley, Blackwell, Cross, Daniel, Fortner, Gray, Hardin, H. F. Harrelson, M. C. Harrelson, Irby, Kirby, Lybrand, Miller, Moseley, Murray, Nelson, Robertson, W. W. Scott, Summers.

By a vote of 75 to 20 the house refused to sustain the veto of the item of \$1,800 for the salary of A. S. Salley, Jr., as secretary of the historical commission.

The house then overrode the veto of the item of \$250 for a contingent fund for the historical commission by a vote of 70 to 22.

The veto of the item of \$1,000 for printing by the historical commission was overridden by a vote of 70 to 29.

The house then overrode the veto of the item of \$1,500 for work on the Confederate records by a vote of 63 to 25.

The provision that the secretary of the historical commission should turn over all funds received by him each month to the State treasurer was vetoed by the governor. By a vote of 67 to 21 the house overrode the veto.

The governor vetoed the item of \$2,000 for interest likely to accrue on the bonded debt. Mr. Dick explained that this was simply an emergency fund. The veto was sustained by a vote of 48 to 40.

By a vote of 56 to 34, the house sustained the veto of the governor on the item of \$25,000 for the sinking fund to protect the bonded debt of the State under the act of 1912. Mr. Dick told the house that if this item were not passed over the veto then the next general assembly would have to appropriate \$50,000 for the sinking fund with the interest on \$25,000.

The governor vetoed the item of \$300 for the phosphate commission. The house sustained the veto by a vote of 21 to 66.

The house overrode the veto of the item of \$450 for the State board of law examiners by a vote of 65 to 20.

The item of \$1,500 for the State Plant Breeders association to be paid through E. J. Watson was vetoed by

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the governor. By a vote of 44 to 48 the house sustained the veto.

The house sustained the veto of the governor on the item of \$1,000 for the State Live Stock association to be paid through J. M. Burgess, secretary and treasurer of Clemson college. The veto was sustained by a vote of 50 to 40.

The governor vetoed the item of \$4,000 for the rental of 22 rooms in the Union National Bank building for offices for State officials. Mr. Dick said that by making the appropriation the State would save \$840 on the rental it was now paying for offices for its officials.

By a vote of 75 to 16, the house overrode the veto.

At 7 o'clock the house took a recess to 8 o'clock.

Evening Session.

Reassembling at 8 o'clock, the house took up the vetoed item of \$5,000 for the South Carolina Agricultural and Mechanical society, under whose auspices the State fair is held in Columbia each year. By a vote of 50 to 36 the house sustained the veto.

By a vote of 18 to 73, the house sustained the veto of the item of \$1,000 for the State negro fair.

The house sustained the veto of the governor of the item of \$1,200 for the South Carolina Poultry association. The item was sustained by a vote of 29 to 63. Mr. Welch of Richland made a strong speech in favor of the passage of the item over the veto.

The governor vetoed the item of \$522 to pay the stenographers and marshal employed by the special legislative committee, which recently investigated the State Hospital for the Insane. The house overrode the veto by a vote of 10 to 84.

Veto Overridden 80 to 4.

The governor vetoed the item of \$400 for a monument over the grave of McKie Merriwether of Edgefield, who was killed in the Hamburg riot while fighting under Gen. Butler. McKie Merriwether was the first man to lay down his life to redeem South Carolina from negro rule in 1876.

Mr. Long of Aiken spoke in favor of passing the item over the veto.

Mr. Wyche, of Spartanburg, spoke in favor of sustaining the veto of the governor.

Mr. DeLaughter, of Edgefield, mak-

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